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SUBJECT:LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM KING KHALID

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS DELIVERED BY THE SAUDI EMBASSY MAY 13. TEXT IS PROVIDED ON AN FYI BASIS ONLY:
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WANT TO CONVEY MY HIGH ESTEEM AND THAT OF THE KINGDOM FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TO COMPLETE THE SALE OF SIXTY AMERICAN-MADE F-15 INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT FOR THE DEFENSE OF SAUDI ARABIA. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE, TOO, THE SUPPORT FOR THE PLANE SALE RECENTLY REAFFIRMED BY DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. SAUDI ARABIA'S LONG-DELAYED NEED FOR THE PLANES HAS BECOME A MATTER OF PRESSING URGENCY BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING, AND RECENTLY STEPPED UP, COMMUNIST EXPANSION IN THE AREA.

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I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE PLANES ARE BEING ACQUIRED FOR DEFENSE, AND SAUDI ARABIA IS CONTINUING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT IN PURSUIT OF A JUST, COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I BELIEVE THE KINGDOM'S LONG AND INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES IS, EVEN WITH ALL OF

ITS PROVEN MUTUAL BENEFITS, STILL AT ONLY AN EARLY STAGE
OF RECIPROCAL WORTH. WITH FAITH IN GOD AND OUR COMMON
ENDEAVORS, SAUDI ARABIA LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
AMERICA AND ALL THE FREE WORLD ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
HUMAN COMMUNITY.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE, MR. PRESIDENT, OF MY VERY
HIGH ESTEEM AND PERSONAL GOOD WISHES. KHALID IBN
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